

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2005/002739

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl.⁷ H01L41/09, B41J2/045, 2/055, G01C19/56, G01P9/04, H01L41/08,
41/18, 41/22

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP 2001-223403 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 17 August, 2001 (17.08.01), Par. Nos. [0022] to [0033]; Figs. 1 to 3 (Family: none)	1-19, 24-48
A	JP 11-214763 A (Seiko Epson Corp.), 06 August, 1999 (06.08.99), Par. Nos. [0021] to [0070]; Figs. 1 to 6 & EP 932209 A2 Par. No. [0021] to [0071]; Figs. 1 to 6 & US 6194818 B1 column 3, line 29 to column 10, line 34; Figs. 1 to 6	1-19, 24-48



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



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C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP 2000-307163 A (Seiko Epson Corp.), 02 November, 2000 (02.11.00), Par. Nos. [0024] to [0033]; Fig. 3 (Family: none)	1-19, 24-48

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Whereas for a group of inventions in claims to fulfill the requirement of unity of invention, there must exist special technical features for linking the group of inventions so as to form a single general inventive concept,
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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-19, 24-48

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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a group of inventions in claims 1-52 are linked only in terms of a matter that "a piezoelectric element comprising a first electrode film, a piezoelectric laminate consisting of a first piezoelectric thin film provided on the first electrode film and a second piezoelectric thin film provided on the first piezoelectric thin film, and a second electrode film provided on the piezoelectric laminate film, wherein the piezoelectric laminate film consists of a Perovskite-type oxide preferentially oriented to (111) plane".

However, this matter is disclosed in the prior-art document JP 2001-223403 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 17 August, 2001 (17.08.01), Par. Nos. [0022] to [0033], Figs. 1 to 3 and therefore does not constitute a special technical feature.

Consequently, there exists among the group of inventions in claims 1-52 no special technical feature for linking them so as to form a single general inventive concept.

Therefore, the group of inventions in claims 1-52 clearly do not fulfill the requirement of unity of invention.

In addition, according to the specific embodiments of the inventions in independent claims, claims in this international application describe nine inventions classified as claims 1-19, 24-48, claim 20, claim 21, claim 22, claim 23, claim 49, claim 50, claim 51, claim 52.

Accordingly, this international application includes nine inventions not fulfilling the requirement of unity of invention.